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Driving After Dark

Graduated Driver Licensing Night Driving Restrictions and Drivers Aged 16 or 17 Years Involved in Fatal Night Crashes — United States, 2009–2014 Recorded: August 2, 2016; posted: August 4, 2016

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The risk for a motor-vehicle crash increases substantially after dark, particularly among young drivers. Nearly one in three fatal crashes involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers happen between 9 PM and 6 AM. Having little driving experience only makes navigating at night more difficult. Most states limit nighttime hours when a newly licensed teen can drive without supervision.

Parents—Ensure that teens gets plenty of nighttime driving experience with an adult, and enforce nighttime driving restrictions when they drive independently.

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